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Rap Ups

— Linda LaMarre

*Information is free
— it's also delayed*

Your government at work:
Five years ago, American Civil
Liberties Union Director
Howard Simon filed a



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Freedom of
Information
request with
the Central
Intelligence
Agency
(CIA) for
and files it
had on the
Detroit and
Michigan
ACLU. This
week he got
his first
response — but no files. "We
wish to assure you that we are
still processing your request
..." said a letter from a CIA
official. "We also would like to
be certain that you remain
interested in receiving the
information you requested."
Translation: If we ignore him
long enough, maybe he'll go
away. "Fat chance," Simon
says.